



Winter 2025 Programs

Museum Hours

Walk-Ins are welcome!

Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Open Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Closed Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Open Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Jan. 1, New Year's Day

Open until 7 p.m. Fridays through January 3, 2025

Receive up-to-date info on programs and exhibits,
sign-up for Museum e-news at lizzadromuseum.org.

Visit us and shop online at lizzadromuseum.org

Museum Memberships and Museum Rental information
available on our website and at the Reception desk.

Admission

\$10.00 Adults, \$8.00 Seniors

\$5 Students, Teenagers, Children 7-12

Free for children under 7 yrs.

Wednesday is Free Day.

Members of the Lizzadro Museum and
active members of the Armed Forces
are admitted free of charge any day
the Museum is open to the public.

Accessibility

The Museum has facilities to provide
access for physically disabled visitors.

Volunteering

Volunteering forms are available online.



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Special Exhibit Continues through April 27, 2025

Synergy & Symbiosis

Step into a world of breathtaking artistry in this exclusive exhibit, celebrating the stunning jewelry creations of Paula Crevoshay. These 12 one-of-a-kind pieces fuse extraordinary craftsmanship, striking gems, and imaginative design to create a collection that is as surprising as it is spellbinding. Prepare to be captivated by the beauty and innovation of these show-stopping creations!

Advanced Reservations Recommended – Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Closed Tuesday - Thursday

Lizzadro Museum Programs

January through March 2025



Saturday January 4 Start Your Rockin' Collection

Ready to explore rocks, minerals, and fossils? In this hands-on program, kids will start their own rock collection, learn about different rock types, and get expert identification for their rocks. They'll also decorate a repurposed egg carton to display their treasures and receive six rock, mineral, and fossil samples to kick off their collection. A perfect adventure for any young rockhound!

Activity – 2:00 p.m. – 45 minutes – Ages 5 years and Older – \$10 per Child

Adults Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday January 11 Gemstones & Stories: The Artistry and Ethics Behind Erica Courtney's Timeless Jewelry

Erica Courtney, a renowned jewelry designer with 40 years of experience, is known for her passion for artistry and environmental responsibility. She sources ethically mined gemstones from around the world and specializes in breathing new life into vintage and repurposed jewelry. Erica will share her creative process, blending craftsmanship, sustainability, and a deep respect for the stories behind each piece. This lecture will be projected in the Museum's Lecture Hall and will not be recorded. Please attend in-person or via Zoom

Live Zoom Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org to receive your Zoom link.



Saturday January 18 & February 15 Rock & Mineral Identification Class

Join geologist Sara Kurth for a hands-on rock and mineral identification class. Learn to classify minerals using observation and hardness testing. Perfect for curious rock-hounds or scouts working on Earth Science badges, this class will deepen your understanding of earth science and teach you to identify rocks and minerals like a pro!

10:30 a.m. – 75-minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – \$10 per person – Museum Members Free

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday January 18 & February 15 Rockin' Jewelry for Kids

Unleash your creativity in this fun, hands-on jewelry-making workshop! Design your own unique gemstone creations—including a necklace, a keychain, and a pin. All materials are provided. Afterward, explore the Museum and enjoy a fun scavenger hunt. This workshop is the perfect way to delve into the world of stone jewelry.

1:30 p.m. – 45-minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – \$15 per person – Museum Members 10% off

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Sunday January 19 Community Music Program: Jazz Uncovered with Andrew DiRuzza

Dive into the rich history and evolution of jazz as we explore how it all began and how it continues to shape music today in its many vibrant forms. Andrew DiRuzza and his group will share fascinating insights into the sound, style, and cultural significance of jazz. Whether you're a die-hard fan or a curious newcomer, this is your chance to experience the magic and mastery of jazz like never before.

Performance – 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes – All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$20 per Person – Museum Members \$5

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday Jan 25, Feb 22, & March 22 **West Suburban Lapidary Club Meetings**

Curious about the craft of cutting and polishing stones? Join the West Suburban Lapidary Club (WSLC) for monthly meetings at the Museum, where you'll explore the fascinating world of lapidary art! Each session includes presentations and expert guidance on transforming rough stones into polished masterpieces. Check the Museum's digital newsletter for details on upcoming programs.

Club Meeting at 1:00 p.m., Program at 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes

Teens to Adults Welcome – Regular Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Sunday February 2 **Community Music Program: Downtown Charlie Brown**

Get ready for an unforgettable dive into the heart of American music! The blues, born in the Mississippi Delta with deep African roots, tells powerful stories of love, loss, joy, and faith. Join Downtown Charlie Brown (keyboard and vocals) and Harry Binford (acoustic guitar) as they return for the third year running! They will explore the migration of the blues from the Delta to Chicago, bringing to life legends like **Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Son House**, and more. Hear the music, the stories, and the history that shaped a genre.

Performance – 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes – All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$20 per Person – Museum Members \$5

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday March 1 **Dino Day: Fossils and Fun**

Get ready for a fossil-filled adventure! Drop in and explore real fossils up close, build awesome 3-D dinosaur puzzles, and even make your very own fossil imprint to take home! Play "Say BONES," a fossil-themed twist on classic Bingo. Plus, meet Mary Anning—the first female fossilist—who will bring history to life with fascinating stories about her groundbreaking discoveries. It's a day of hands-on fun and ancient wonders you won't want to miss!

On-going Activities – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – All Ages Welcome

"Say Bones" Bingo – 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – Registration Required

Mary Anning visits – 12:15 & 2:00 p.m.

\$5 per child – Adults and Seniors Regular Admission – Museum Members Free

Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Sunday March 9 **Community Music Program: The David Polk Project**

David Polk, a Chicago-born saxophonist, has been crafting and performing original music since 1979, starting with the jazz fusion group *Juggular*. For over 30 years, he has been the solo tenor saxophonist with the renowned Orchestra 33. David's 25-year solo career includes 6 albums. Known for his world-class musicianship and passion for melody, David continues to captivate audiences with his soulful sound. Check out the David Polk Project on YouTube for more!

Performance – 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes – All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$20 per Person – Museum Members \$5

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday March 15 **The Art and Science of Crystals: Discovering Symmetry in Nature**

What exactly is symmetry, and can it ever be "broken"? What is a crystal, really, and why is it so special? Does Nature impose hidden rules on these mysteries? Join Bill Mikuska as he explores the fascinating world of symmetry and structure, both in the natural world and in the art of lapidary. Through science and demonstrations, he will reveal how symmetry shapes the world. Come for answers, come for wonder—and, as William Blake once asked, "what immortal hand or eye, could frame thy fearful symmetry?"

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday April 5 **Mazon Creek Fossil Collecting Trip**

Step back in time and uncover 300-million-year-old fossils at Mazon Creek fossil site located in the historic coal strip mining area. Learn how to identify and crack open these unique fossils during a 30-minute orientation at the Museum, then hop on the motor coach and head to the dig sites. Bring a sack lunch, your curiosity, and a sense of adventure—this hands-on field trip fills up fast, so reserve your spot today!

Field Trip – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Ages 8 yrs. to Adult

Fee: \$60.00 per person – Museum Members 10% off

Registration opens January 25 – Museum Member registration opens January 18

Reservations Required – Register online at www.lizzadromuseum.org

Gemstone Cutter Glenn Lehrer Dies at 71

An innovative artist inspired by the natural world,
Lehrer is remembered for being a visionary and a shining light.

Edited from article by Lauren McLemore (Article courtesy of National Jeweler magazine)



Glenn Lehrer

Award-winning gemstone cutter and carver Glenn Lehrer died on Nov. 27, following a battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. Lehrer was born March 3, 1953, in California. He developed a passion for art and adventure early in life. His nearly 50-year career in gemstone carving and jewelry design began in the 1970s, when he traveled to India and established a spiritual connection to crystals and gemstones. Lehrer was a largely self-taught lapidary and goldsmith. In college, he studied crystallography, gemology, and mineralogy, and in 1979, he received his graduate gemology degree in residence from the Gemological Institute of America.

He was passionate about innovation and blending science and art. Lehrer invented new gemstone cuts, including the patented TorusRing, a modern, faceted gemstone with a hole in the middle designed for setting another gemstone in. He also enjoyed co-creating with other artists, including Mark Schneider, Paula Crevoshay, Gordon Aatlo, Kent Raible, Connie May, Marianne Hunter, and others.

Paula Crevoshay posted to Lehrer's Facebook page saying, "We cherish our precious memories of all the wonderful times we spent with Glenn and Sharon dreaming up new projects and collaborating on bringing them to fruition. Glenn was noble of spirit, kind and generous, and an artistic genius. Our whole world is enriched by his legacy."

Lehrer won numerous awards for his designs, including several American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) Spectrum and Cutting Edge lapidary awards. His work has also been featured on the covers of industry trade magazine the Lapidary Journal several times, and his gemstone carvings and jewelry designs are in museums and private collections worldwide.

Lehrer's work was inspired by the natural world around him. Growing up riding a longboard in Los Angeles later turned to surfing on the coast of Northern California, particularly Rodeo Beach and Fort Cronkhite near the Golden Gate Bridge, where Lehrer was inspired by the fluidity and motion of waves in the ocean. The exhilaration and peace he found in its rhythm influenced the sense of movement and natural beauty seen in his creations.



*Eye of Consciousness from
"Synergy & Symbiosis" featuring
Lehrer's patented TorusRing cut*

In addition to surfing, Lehrer had a deep love of horseback riding, finding a sense of peace and connection to the natural world through exploring coastal trails. He was member of the National Park Service's horse patrol for the Marin Headlands in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Lehrer had a deep and abiding love for his wife of 45 years, Sharon, and considered their partnership a cornerstone of his life. Family was central to his life; he cherished his childhood, often speaking of how his older brother Wayne constantly inspired and encouraged him to pursue his passions. Lehrer is survived by his wife, Sharon; his two brothers, Harvey and Wayne; and a handful of nephews and nieces, as well as many friends, colleagues, and admirers.